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LONDON, Sept. 15.—The Pall Mall
Gazette prints a semi-official statement
saying that there has been no change
in the government's policy toward Ire-
land since Premier Lloyd George's last
speech in the House of Commons and
declaring that there is absolutely no
truth in the statement that "the gov-
ernment intends to smash the republi-
can movement in five weeks."

The newspaper points out that the
Irish republic admittedly is a rebel
institution and therefore it obviously
is the object and duty of the Irish
executive to suppress it.

A statement of this sort, in answer
to obviously exaggerated Sinn Fein
charges, is taken as an indication that
the government feels none too com-
fortable over the storm of resentment
occasioned by the announcement of its
intention to arm Ulster volunteers
and its refusal to release the hunger-
striking Lord Mayor of Cork, Terence
MacSwiney. The government, it is
said, places much importance upon the
work of the Irish peace conference.

Policy in Ulster Condemned

The Westminster Gazette is unchari-
table in its comment.

"The government," it says, "now de-
finitely abandons all pretence about its
Irish policy and allows it to appear
first and last as the policy of Ulster.
One-time rebels now become officially
authorized policemen. Anything more
monstrous than this arrangement is
difficult to imagine. If the government
desire to give final proof of Sir Ed-
ward Carson's control of its Irish pol-
icy it could not have taken a more
conspicuous step."

The Daily News, referring to the
arming of the Ulsterites, says:

"This seems to us to be the most
outrageous thing which the government
has ever done in Ireland. This mon-
strous proposal will arm the very peo-
ple who have been looting Catholic
shops and driving thousands of Catho-
lic women and children from their
homes. It is too late to stay the
execution which this incredible order
will almost certainly entail, there is
no hope left of rehabilitating the shaken
credit of the British government in
Ireland."

Military Patrol Kills Three

There was a shooting affray at Bal-
linaghy to-day. The official version
of the clash says that a military pa-
trol found a party of men raiding a
vacant police barracks. They fired
upon them, killing two and mortally
wounding another.

It is announced that the workers of
Dublin are to raise a fund for the
benefit of Catholic workers driven from
employment in Belfast.

Reports MacSwiney Decidedly Worse

LONDON, Sept. 15.—(By The Associ-
ated Press).—A bulletin issued late
this afternoon by the Irish Self-De-
termination League says:

"Mrs. MacSwiney, who has just visit-
ed Brixton prison, says that she finds
the condition of Lord Mayor MacSwiney
decidedly worse this afternoon. For the
first time she noticed his eyes were
very dull and he was suffering much
pain in both the head and the body."

This was the thirty-fourth day Mac-
Swiney has been on a hunger strike.

Annie MacSwiney, said her brother
had had four hours' sleep during the
night, and that, although he was in
great pain and growing weaker, he was
much refreshed by this rest.

Mrs. MacSwiney is still being mes-
saged, but his sister declared she was
convinced nothing was being given him
which could act as nourishment. She
said he was as determined as ever to
carry out his vow to the end for the
sake of the freedom of Ireland. He
showed no signs of wavering, and only
the day previous had said to the nurse
when she offered him food:

"Do you think I'm going to give way
after my long hunger strike?"

Little change in the condition of Mc-
Swiney was reported this morning by
the physician of Brixton Prison. In his
report to the Home Office, however, the
physician declared "increased weak-
ness" was noticeable.

End Fifth Week of Fast

CORK, Sept. 15.—At 3 o'clock to-day
the hunger-striker in Cork jail com-
pleted the fifth week of their fast.
All of them according to the prison
doctors, are in a very weak state. Hen-
nessy and Kenny are the worst cases.
Their breathing throughout the night
was barely perceptible and Kenny suf-
fered twice. Donohoe is again suf-
fering great pain in the mouth.

Questions Strike in Cork Jail

General Sir Neville MacCreedy, Mil-
itary Commander in Ireland, in a tele-
gram sent to Harold Barry, former
High Sheriff of Cork, who has been
active in the interest of the eleven

hunger striking prisoners in the Cork
jail, was considered by the recipient
to have raised the question whether
certain of the prisoners were really on
a hunger strike—an imputation which
the ex-Sheriff in his reply indignantly
repudiated.

General MacCreedy's message re-
ferred to the prisoners Upton, Reilly
and John Peter Crowley, and said:

"I understand these men are now on
a hunger strike, but if not they will be
tried as soon as possible."

The General said he regretted Mr.
Barry would not attempt to persuade
the men to abandon their course of re-
fusing food, and declared that if any
of them died of hunger the responsi-
bility would rest largely with those
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